Essential Fish Habitat project status report

Reporting date: October 15, 2007
Project number: 2007-5
<u>Title</u> : Habitat Specific Production of Pacific Ocean Perch in the Aleutian Islands
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Funding year: 2007
Funding amount: \$52,700
Status: Complete Incomplete, on schedule Incomplete, behind schedule
Planned completion date if incomplete: October, 2010. The field work for the first year (2007) was only partially completed due to the late arrival of funds. The remaining fieldwork will be completed in the summer of 2008 and 2009, with the final laboratory analyses and reporting in completed in October 2010.
Reporting: Have the project results been reported? If yes, where were the results reported? No

<u>Results</u>: What is the most important result of the study? In June 2007, juvenile POP were collected from the nursery habitat in the Aleutian Islands. Zooplankton data were also collected from two sites. The data indicated that zooplankton abundance was similar from the two areas, although the water column structure was different from the two sites.